



American Embassy Consular Section Dakar, Senegal

Warden Message
SECURITY REMINDER
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Warden Message--Security Precautions

With the approach of the Tabaski Holiday on November 17, the U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. Citizens to practice good security habits. There is traditionally an increase in crime leading up to holiday periods. Crimes of opportunity such as pick-pocketing, purse snatching, thefts from vehicles, snatch and grab, etc., are more common. In past years there have been increases in residential break-ins and thefts from garages and yards. U.S. citizens should practice good security at home and on the streets. Lock up cash, jewelry and other valuables at home and use home security alarms if you have them. Avoid carrying valuables in public and be alert to the possibility of street crime. In a notice disseminated to Embassy personnel, the Embassy's security office recommended some simple steps, listed below, that will help increase your personal security:

- Don't walk along the Corniche during hours of darkness
- Remain aware of your surroundings
- Refrain from carrying purses or backpacks that may attract unwanted attention
- Maintain a low profile
- Travel in groups if at all possible
- Give preference to well lit establishments that offer some sort of security presence.

Take appropriate safety precautions, including maintaining good situational awareness, avoiding crowds and demonstrations, monitoring local news outlets and reviewing emergency procedures, travel documents, and contingency plans.

You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. We encourage U.S. Citizens to review A Safe Trip Abroad found at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1180.html , which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, outside the United States and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Senegal are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar through the State Departments travel registration website, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Senegal. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. The telephone number is (221) 33 829-2100. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://dakar.usembassy.gov> . For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-829-2109.